

The Ology Islands 14



Day Two on Pneuma Island

Captain's Log: We have conquered two islands and are now on Pneuma Island (pronounced "newma"). Embedded in the hidden trenches on this strip are the notorious Pirates of Pantheism. The Treasure Hunt section will focus on sound doctrine regarding the Holy Spirit.

Many teachers teach that the Holy Spirit is not a person and that He is not God. It is widely believed that He is an impersonal force. However, it is clearly taught in the Bible that He is God, but He is a different person from the Father and the Son. In the Treasure Hunt section we will discover some of the attributes of the Holy Spirit. We will see from these attributes that the Holy Spirit is Yahweh. This helps us to defeat those who claim that god is in everything and that everything is god. This is known as pantheism.



Roll Call/Treasure Hunt:

The Holy Spirit is...

1. Creator:

Job 33:4-6 ⁴The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. ⁵Refute me if you can; prepare your case and confront me. ⁶I am just like you before God; I was also formed from clay. (BSB)

Psalms 104:29-30 ²⁹When You hide Your face, they are terrified; when You take away their breath, they die and return to dust. ³⁰When You send Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth. (BSB)

Genesis 1:1-2 ¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. (BSB)

Genesis 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being. (BSB)

- The Hebrew word for "Spirit" is breath. The Holy Spirit is the Breath of God.
- The Holy Spirit is creator.

2. Life Giving:

2 Samuel 23:2-3a ²The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; His word was on my tongue. ³The God of Israel spoke; the Rock of Israel said to me. (BSB)

2 Peter 1:21 For no such prophecy was ever brought forth by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (BSB)

- The Holy Spirit is equated with the God of Israel.
- The Holy Spirit gave us Scripture. The Holy Spirit gives us the word of God.

3. Equal with YHWH of the Old Testament

Isaiah 6:8-10 ⁸Then I heard the **voice of the Lord** saying: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for **Us**?” And I said: “Here am I. Send me!” ⁹And He replied: “Go and tell this people, ‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’ ¹⁰Make the hearts of this people calloused; deafen their ears and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” (BSB)

Acts 28:25-27 ²⁵They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “**The Holy Spirit** was right when He spoke to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: ²⁶‘Go to this people and say, “You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.” ²⁷For this people’s heart has grown callous; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn, and I would heal them.’ (BSB)

Jeremiah 31:33 “But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, **declares the LORD**. I will put My law in their minds and inscribe it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they will be My people. (BSB)

Hebrews 10:15-16 ¹⁵The **Holy Spirit** also testifies to us about this. First He says: ¹⁶“This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord. I will put My laws in their hearts and inscribe them on their minds.” (BSB)

Psalms 95:10-11 ¹⁰For forty years I was angry with that generation, and I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known My ways.” ¹¹So I swore on oath in My anger, “They shall never enter My rest.” (BSB)

Hebrews 3:7a, 11 ⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says.... ¹¹So I swore on oath in My anger, ‘They shall never enter My rest.’” (BSB)

- The Isaiah passage clearly states that **Yahweh** is plural by the use of the word “us” in verse 8.
- The Holy Spirit is given credit for being the **Lord** and being **God**.
- The **comparison** of the Jeremiah 31 passage with the Acts 28 passage clearly shows that The Holy Spirit is the God of Israel.



Battle with the Ism Pirates: Today we battle the pirates of pantheism.

***Pantheism* and Religion**

“*Pantheistic* ideas—and most importantly the belief that God is equal to the universe, its physical matter, and the forces that govern it—are found in the ancient books of Hinduism, in the works of many Greek philosophers, and in later works of philosophy and religion over the centuries. Much modern New Age spirituality is pantheistic. But most Christian thinkers reject pantheism because it makes God too impersonal, doesn't allow for any difference between the creation and the creator, and doesn't seem to allow for humans to make meaningful moral choices.”

“*Pantheism.*” *Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/pantheism>. Accessed 15 Nov. 2024.*



Set Course: We continue next week to the rocky coasts of Pneuma Island.